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BY PHOTON, SPORTS EDITOR

The NFL draft provides every team with the opportunity to significantly upgrade their ranks at no cost. Here in New York, there was even more stress put on the selection process as the New York Giants held the second overall pick while the Jets went on the clock just one slot later. With plenty of needs among both teams, the options were limitless. Check out how they did inside on page 19 and at metro.us.

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KOREAS TO HOLD HISTORIC FIRST SUMMIT IN DECADE

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is set to cross his country's heavily militarized border with South Korea on Friday for the first intra-Korea summit in more than a decade, as the old foes seek to end their decades-long conflict and ease tensions over the North's nuclear weapons program. The summit with South Korean President Moon Jae-in will set the stage for Kim to meet with President Donald Trump in late May or early June, in what will be an unprecedented first encounter between sitting leaders of the two countries. Just months ago, Trump and Kim were trading threats

and insults as North Korea's rapid advances in pursuit of nuclear-armed missiles capable of hitting the United States raised fears of a fresh conflict on the Korean peninsula. South Korea's Moon will personally greet Kim at the military demarcation line at 9:30 a.m., making Kim the first North Korean leader to set foot in the South since the 1950-53 Korean War. The two will be escorted by South Korean honor guards to an official welcoming ceremony before beginning official dialogue at 10:30 a.m. at Peace House, a South Korean building inside the border truce village of Panmunjom.

EPA CHIEF SAYS ETHICS SCANDALS ARE LIES

Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt on Thursday rejected a litany of ethics complaints against him as distortions intended to derail President Donald Trump's agenda, and put much of the blame for any agency missteps on his staff. During two tense congressional hearings, Pruitt faced tough questions from Democrats and even some fellow Republicans, in marathon high-stakes testimony as he seeks to avoid becoming the latest in a long list of Cabinet members and senior White House officials to have either been fired by Trump or quit. "Facts are facts and fiction is

fiction," the embattled agency chief told a House of Representatives panel. "And a lie doesn't become true just because it appears in the front page of the newspaper." Pruitt testified, "Those who attack the EPA and attack me are doing so because they want to attack and derail the president's agenda and undermine this administration's priorities." Trump's inner circle has become frustrated by the torrent of news reports about Pruitt including his costly first-class air travel and around-the-clock security, pay raises for aides and his rental of a room in a high-end Washington condo linked to an energy lobbyist.



VICTORY DAY MILITARY PARADE NIGHT REHEARSAL IN MOSCOW'S RED SQUARE

Soldiers march in formation on Thursday, April 26, in Moscow's Red Square during a night rehearsal of a Victory Day military parade commemorating the 73rd anniversary of the victory in the Great Patriotic War on the Eastern Front of World War II.

CONGRESS SPARS OVER SOCIAL MEDIA FILTERING

Democrats and Republicans in the House of Representatives on Thursday sparred over the role of social media platforms Facebook, Google and Twitter in filtering content after representatives of the tech companies skipped a hearing. Republicans repeatedly suggested at a House Judiciary Committee hearing that Facebook Inc., Alphabet Inc.'s Google and Twitter Inc. are censoring or blocking content from conservatives, a charge the companies denied. Lawmakers from both parties agreed tech companies must remove illegal content like fraud, piracy and sex

trafficking but differed on whether they should remove objectionable content. Rep. Robert Goodlatte, the Republican who chairs the committee, said he was "extremely disappointed" the companies did not testify. Goodlatte said the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution "offers no clear protections for users when Facebook, Google or Twitter limits their content in any way." Alphabet did not respond to requests for comment. Twitter declined to comment, while Facebook said it would keep talking to Congress about "Facebook's strong commitment to being a platform for all voices and ideas."

TRUMP DISTANCES HIMSELF FROM LAWYER COHEN

President Donald Trump distanced himself from his longtime personal lawyer Michael Cohen on Thursday, hours before a judge ruled that documents seized from Cohen by the FBI should be reviewed by an independent court-appointed official. The appointment of former judge Barbara Jones as a "special master" to review the documents and decide which ones prosecutors should be allowed to see, was essentially a compromise that both prosecutors and Cohen's lawyers had said they would be open to, even though that option was not their first choice. Earlier on Thurs-

day in an interview with Fox News, Trump said Cohen had handled only "a tiny, tiny little fraction" of his overall legal work. He said the investigation "doesn't have to do with me" and "they're looking at something having to do with his business. I have nothing to do with his business." Trump, who has said little publicly about an adult film star who says she was paid to stay silent about a one-night stand she had with Trump in 2006, also confirmed for the first time that Cohen had represented him in "this crazy Stormy Daniels deal." The FBI raided Cohen's office and home on April 9, infuriating Trump.

STATS

FREE SPEECH

Is there more freedom of speech or less freedom of speech on U.S. college campuses today than there has been in the past? Or is the level of freedom of speech about the same?



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City restaurant owners propose diner surcharge to offset rising costs



NYC Hospitality Alliance member Jon Bloostein of Heartland Brewery delivered an open letter proposing a diner surcharge to offset growing expenses to City Hall. FACEBOOK/NYC HOSPITALITY ALLIANCE

“Allow us the option of using a clearly disclosed surcharge to generate the revenue to simply survive,” a coalition of restaurateurs wrote.

Amid rising rent, wage and food costs, New York City restaurant owners are urging city officials to allow them to institute a diner surcharge to offset such expenses that they say could be detrimental to their businesses.

“The cost to run a restaurant and employ people in New York City is unbearable for many full-service restaurants. If you want to support local restaurants and staff, allow us the option of using a clearly disclosed surcharge to generate the revenue to simply

survive,” a coalition of more than 100 restaurateurs wrote to Mayor Bill de Blasio in an open letter that was displayed at City Hall on Wednesday.

“As restaurateurs we are suffering, and our employees’ livelihoods are being threatened, too,” the letter continued, and highlighted ways restaurant owners have had to work around growing expenses, including laying off tipped employees, cutting hours, changing menus, closing restaurants “which will continue closing at an increasing rate” and raising menu prices, which “can-

not come close to offsetting mandated wage increases and real estate costs.”

While public hearings regarding the surcharge, which could range from 3 percent to 5 percent or more, began April 20, restaurant owners have been lobbying for the charge for the past two years with the Department of Consumer Affairs, which bans such a fee, the New York Post reported.

The practice “is allowed everywhere around the country, including restaurants throughout the rest of New York state,” the let-

“As restaurateurs we are suffering, and our employees’ livelihoods are being threatened.”

A coalition of restaurateurs, in a letter to Mayor Bill de Blasio

\$15/hr

Gov. Andrew Cuomo is considering a minimum wage increase to \$15 per hour for tipped employees, who currently make \$8.65.

ter said.

Andrew Rigie, the executive director of the NYC Hospitality Alliance, whose members employ more than 10,000 New Yorkers, told the Post that restaurateurs would rather use the diner surcharge as a revenue generator instead of raising menu prices because the latter could potentially keep customers from dining at their establishments.

“It’s a consumer-perception issue,” he said.

The issue is reaching a critical mass for restaurant owners as Gov. Andrew Cuomo mulls a potential minimum wage increase to \$15 per hour for tipped employees, who currently make \$8.65.

“We have been waiting in good faith, for two years, for our

city to allow us to use a clearly disclosed surcharge. During that time, our business [has] been further damaged,” the coalition’s letter concluded.





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Manhattan judge rules that bar was allowed to throw out man in MAGA hat

New York's discrimination statutes do not protect political beliefs, the judge ruled, meaning an East Village tavern didn't violate the law when it ejected Trump supporter.



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If you get kicked out of a bar while wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat, don't cry religious discrimination.

A Manhattan judge threw out a case this week in which a man alleged that an East Village bar illegally discriminated against him by kicking him out when he was wearing his "MAGA" hat. The law does not protect against political discrimi-



A man sued after he was kicked out of an East Village bar while wearing a MAGA hat. GETTY IMAGES

nation, the judge ruled, according to the New York Post.

The saga started when Philadelphia man Greg Piatek went to The Happiest Hour, a bar in the East Village, in January 2017.

Piatek says that he was subjected to "unlawful ridicule and discrimination," leading to a bar manager asking that he remove his hat or else be ejected from the prem-

ises, according to court documents.

The lawyer for The Happiest Bar denies that Piatek was refused service because of his support of President Donald Trump.

Still, Piatek sued, citing discrimination on the basis of spirituality and saying that he suffered emotional distress from the incident. The MAGA hat "holds significant spiritual and symbolic

import" to Piatek, according to court documents.

It was even noted in court documents that Piatek did not wear his red MAGA hat "as a fashion accessory," but that it was "an essential component of [his] overall personal and spiritual expression."

Elizabeth Conway, the lawyer for the Happiest Hour, pointed out that New York's discrimination laws do not protect

"Plaintiff does not state any faith-based principle to which the hat relates."

Manhattan Judge
David Cohen

"plaintiff does not state any faith-based principle to which the hat relates. Here the claim that plaintiff was not served and eventually escorted out of the bar because of his perceived support for President Trump is not outrageous conduct."

Jon Neidich, owner of The Happiest Hour, said in a statement that the bar does not discriminate and it was Piatek's behavior that got him ejected.

"What's gotten lost in this story is that the guest wasn't kicked out because he was wearing a Trump hat — he was asked to leave after being verbally abusive to our staff, which is something we don't tolerate regardless of who you are," he said. "And this is after he spent almost \$200. The 20 percent tip he left would seem to indicate he was satisfied with the service he received."

political or patriotic views.

In court Wednesday, Manhattan Justice David Cohen asked Piatek's attorney, Paul Liggieri, how the bar staff was supposed to know of Piatek's religious beliefs, the Post reported. Liggieri responded that they were aware because he was wearing the hat.

Judge Cohen tossed the case, ruling that the



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After hearing the verdict, Cosby left the courthouse with his lawyers and publicist. GETTY IMAGES

Comedian Bill Cosby convicted of sexual assault in retrial

The seven-man, five-woman jury reached a unanimous verdict after deliberating for 14 hours over two days.

Comedian Bill Cosby was convicted Thursday of drugging and sexually assaulting a onetime friend in 2004, marking the first such conviction of a celebrity since the #MeToo movement that has brought down rich and powerful men for their treatment of women.

Cosby, 80, best known

**“He doesn’t
have a plane,
you a—hole!”**

Bill Cosby

as the lovable father from the 1980s TV hit “The Cosby Show,” faces up to 10 years in prison for each of three counts of aggravated indecent assault against Andrea Constand, 45, following a three-week trial.

After weeks of maintaining decorum during the trial, Cosby exploded following the verdict

when prosecutors asked the judge to take him into custody, saying he was a flight risk in part because he owned a plane.

“He doesn’t have a plane, you a—hole!” Cosby responded in a booming voice, leaping to feet.

Judge Steven O’Neill ruled that Cosby could remain out of jail on \$1 million bail pending sentencing at a later date, as long as he surrendered his passport and remained at home.

Cosby then left the courthouse with his lawyers and publicist. REUTERS

‘We got to see who he really was:’ DA after Cosby convicted

Disgraced entertainer Bill Cosby’s fall from grace was complete on Thursday when, after a Montgomery County jury convicted him on three counts of indecent sexual assault, he broke the stony silence in which he spent most of the trial to call the prosecutor who convicted him an “a—hole.”

“I guess you got to see a brief view of who he was. That’s just him acting out,” Steele said during a post-verdict press conference with Constand in the room. “I think everybody got to see who he really is when each of those prior bad act witnesses [other accusers of sexual assault] got to testify. The guy was an actor for a long time, and it was an act. It was an act. We got to see who he really was.”

Beyond the vindication of accuser Andrea Constand, a former Temple University employee who said Cosby drugged and



Bill Cosby’s mugshot from Dec. 30, 2015. COURTESY OF MONTGO DA’S OFFICE

molested her in 2004, the case was also a monumental win for Steele, who resurrected the case against Cosby in 2015, days before the statute of limitations expired.

Steele repeatedly praised the jurors for serving on the high-profile case, weathering international media scrutiny and seeing past claims by Cosby’s attorneys that his multiple accusers, eight of whom testified

at trial, were financially motivated.

“I have never seen the type of attacks that were leveled on people that were coming forward to describe how they were sexually assaulted,” Steele said. “It was very difficult to sit through, to watch. But you also saw what the jury did in the end. I hope people realize, you’ve got to show courage like this lady did,” indicating Constand. SAM NEWHOUSE



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2 bedroom	\$1,065	12	2 people	\$39,120 - \$50,100	\$1,511	7	2 people	\$54,412 - \$66,800
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Vivino wants to make you a smarter wine drinker



Driven by data, Vivino is the world's most downloaded wine app and, with nearly 30 million users, its most popular wine community.



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Like a great many people, Heini Zachariassen was intimidated by wine.

"I'd walk into a supermarket and see this wall of wine and have no idea what I'd want to buy," he told Metro. "I couldn't understand why there wasn't a rating system."

So in 2010, Zachariassen decided to do something about it, and Vivino was born.

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VIVINO AND MILLENNIALS



Heini Zachariassen founded Vivino in 2010 to make wine-buying easier and more informed. **ALL IMAGES VIVINO**

peers, they look at Yelp, TripAdvisor. I'm not saying the critics need to disappear, but the millennials really value the peer rating, so that's a big, big change."

While Zachariassen recently stepped down as CEO of

While non-millennial novice wine drinkers — like this writer, for example — may find Vivino to be a great learning tool to better understand wine and ultimately their tastes, the millennial demographic is the app's fastest-growing user base, and Zachariassen thinks there's a simple reason for that.

"They are different than the previous generations. They're online and on their cellphones, so they're used to getting instant access to data," he said. "The wine industry has been really ruled by the wine critic for the past 35 years. Millennials don't get that. They get their ratings from their

Vivino and is staying on as board member and "chief evangelist" while former StubHub President Chris Tsakalakis takes the helm, he's still an avid user of the app he founded nearly a decade ago.

His favorite function is Vivino's Wine Explorer tab, which allows users to browse wines and filter by type, price, country, vintage and more.

"Then it'll show me the best wine. The data and the selection makes this possible, and I've found a lot of amazing wines just playing around with that," Zachariassen said. "It's a little bit nerdy, but it's a lot of fun."

Fast-forward to today, and Vivino is the most downloaded mobile wine app and, with nearly 30 million users, the world's most popular wine community.

"This was really born out of frustration," Zachariassen said. "People didn't want a fancy, good-looking product with bells and whistles. They wanted to know the wine in front of them, what is the rating? What is the price? Are there tasting notes?"

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The MTA Board has approved additional funding for ADA accessibility projects in several subway stations across the city as part of its 2015-2019 capital plan. **FlickR/MTA**

MTA Board approves extra funding for subway station accessibility

The capital plan amendment includes \$200M for enhancements such as elevators and \$100M for redesigned stairs, mezzanines and platforms.



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The MTA Board on Wednesday approved additional funding for ADA accessibility projects in several subway stations across the city as part of its 2015-2019 capital plan.

Less than 25 percent of the nearly 500 subway stations in the city are accessible, and the capital plan amendment includes \$200 million for enhancements such as elevators and \$100 million for redesigned stairs, mezzanines and platforms.

A project to provide ADA accessibility to the 6 train line's Westchester Square station in the Bronx has also been added to the MTA's Capital program, and 17 other stations in the Bronx,

Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan will be made fully compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act in the 2015-2019 plan.

"We are putting an increased focus on accessibility with all of our planning moving forward, and this plan amendment is a direct result of that promise," MTA Chairman Joseph Lhota said in a statement. "We have a lot more work to do, but this plan amendment — as well as our Board working group on accessibility and the commitment of NYC Transit President Andy Byford — demonstrate our commitment to accessibility for all of our customers."

Nearly \$5 billion has been put toward making subway stations ADA-accessible, with \$1 billion already approved in the 2015-2019 capital plan, and \$400 million has been designated to replace 69 elevators and escalators across the subway system.

Additionally, two Brooklyn stations were added to the Capital Program station improvement projects to offset the L train shutdown coming in April 2019. The Marcy

Avenue J/M/Z station will have enhanced stair capacity and wider platforms, while the J/Z Broad-

"We are putting an increased focus on accessibility with all of our planning moving forward, and this plan amendment is a direct result of that promise."

MTA Chairman Joseph Lhota

way Junction station will receive additional stairs and an expanded mezzanine, the MTA said.

The capital plan amendment also includes more than \$300 for critical signal and track work under the Subway Action Plan that was approved in December.

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Former Port Authority of NY & NJ Commissioner Caren Turner resigned after dashcam video emerged showing her berating police in a New Jersey suburb north of Englewood. TENAFLY POLICE DEPARTMENT/POLITICO NJ

Port Authority commissioner resigns after video emerges of rant at police

The Port Authority's Commissioner of Ethics resigned after boasting of her influence to suburban cops on dashcam video.



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Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Commissioner Caren Turner resigned this week after a video emerged that showed her going ballistic on police officers who pulled over a car her daughter was riding in. Turner also boasted of her political influence to Tenafly Police Department officers, likely not knowing the entire rant was captured on dashcam video.

Turner showed up on the side of the road March 31 after a car her daughter was riding in was pulled over by Tenafly police officers for reportedly having tinted windows and a partly obscured license plate. Officers determined they would have to impound the vehicle due to its registration being out of date and the driver lacking insurance.

As seen on video, the driver, an unidentified male, takes the news calmly. But Turner drives

up shortly afterward and verbally assaults the officers with a barrage of questions while identifying herself as "the commissioner of the Port Authority" and "heading up over 4,000 police officers."

"You may shut the f— up!" she tells officers at one point, accusing one of having "a smug-ass look on your face" and telling them "This isn't going to go down nicely."

"You may shut the f— up! ... This isn't going to go down nicely."

Caren Turner, talking to police

She boasts that she is "friends with the mayor" and claims the people in the vehicle with her daughter are "Ph.D. students at MIT and Yale."

She resigned her post as Ethics Commissioner at the Port Authority on April 20 after dashcam video of the incident surfaced. A Port Authority spokesman said Turner clearly violated the Port Authority's ethics policies.

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After 10 years and 18 movies, the Marvel Universe reaches its apex with 'Avengers: Infinity War'

Marvel was not at all modest in announcing that "Avengers: Infinity War" would be "the most ambitious crossover event in history." And it's impossible to deny the impact that the highly-anticipated film has had within the industry.

"Infinity War" marks the convergence of 18 films, released since 2008, that helped consolidate the heroes as a lucrative film front.

According to Joe Russo, who along with brother Anthony directs, the feature film shows how complex it is to be a superhero in a world full of conflicts.

Now the Avengers have to overcome their differences to face their biggest threat yet: villain Thanos (Josh Brolin), who plans to dominate the universe with the Infinity Stones, which give him great powers.

"It's a very funny movie, but also very intense, because Thanos is a very powerful villain," promises Russo. © metro

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HOW MUCH MARVEL HAS MADE \$14.8 BILLION

Is the box office sum of all of the Marvel films, according to Box Office Mojo. The expectation is that this amount will skyrocket with "Avengers: Infinity War."



Unlikely super
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Mark Ruffalo still can't believe he's in 'Avengers: Infinity War'

He was sure they'd have recast him by now.

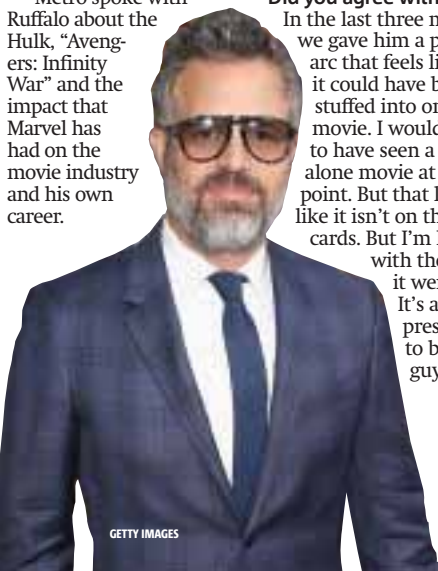


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While most origin stories stumble, and every new Star Wars and DC release proves to be divisive, all 18 Marvel films have found an audience and enhanced the seemingly unstop-pable worlds in which they live.

OK, 2008's "The Incredible Hulk" was a blip. But a huge positive event emerged from that misstep, as Marvel made the wise and decision to replace Ed Norton with Mark Ruffalo as Bruce Banner, and he's become a huge fan favorite.

Metro spoke with Ruffalo about the Hulk, "Avengers: Infinity War" and the impact that Marvel has had on the movie industry and his own career.



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Did you think the Marvel Cinematic Universe would get to this level when you joined?

Honestly I was like, "OK, they'll have me for this. But that'll be it. They'll end up recasting it like they do." I'm just completely in shock that I keep getting asked back, and that people still want to see it.

How do you see Bruce Banner and the Hulk's role in the Marvel Cinematic Universe?

Limited. And perfectly in match to what's happening right now. I think he's a great accoutrement to the universe. But they feel like they've tried to do the spin-off and there just wasn't enough there by himself.

Did you agree with that?

In the last three movies we gave him a proper arc that feels like it could have been stuffed into one movie. I would love to have seen a stand-alone movie at some point. But that looks like it isn't on the cards. But I'm happy with the way it went.



It's a lot of pressure to be the guy.

What should Marvel learn from the success of Black Panther?

Diversity. Diversity. Diversify. I think the writing is on the wall there. And it has been for some time. I think with Marvel it's been interesting, because they have sort of keyed into the zeitgeist and the moment. All of their movies have a social or political message that's appropriate to the time we're living in. The human brain hardwires the mythology and it accepts it very, very quickly — those kind of stories. I do think that it's become this sort of modern mythology, where we're working out these bigger issues through fantastical means that are really, really accessible to people.

What did working with Marvel do to your career, away from the franchise?

We have to be honest with that kind of question. Because what's the system that we're working under? It's totally dictated by box office. You could be a great actor, but if your movie doesn't make money they don't ask you back. My agent was telling me the other day, "You are in four of the top 10 highest-grossing box office movies in history." Which is crazy. Because I've had homeless anxiety for most of my life. So they give you a chance to do things in a system that generally really rewards that monetary success. "Avengers: Infinity War" opens April 27.





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'Infinity War' shows reality through fiction, says Joe Russo

Joe Russo says although he and his brother base the movies on the comics, they always give priority to their interpretation and don't fear criticism.

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Brothers Anthony and Joe Russo have managed

to establish themselves as Marvel's favorite directors with films like "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" and "Captain America: Civil War," which is the reason they were chosen as the directors of one of the most anticipated cross-overs in recent memory — "Avengers: Infinity War." (They're also hard at work on "Avengers 4," scheduled to be released next year.)

According to Joe one of the main messages of the film is to show

the complexity of being a superhero in a world with too many conflicts. "Which is not far from reality," said the filmmaker.

During the promotional tour, Joe chatted with Metro and confessed he doesn't get nervous with Marvel comic fans' criticism, since he and his brother have always made it clear that these films are based on their interpretation.

How has your life changed from being

part of the Marvel Universe?

A lot! Many opportunities have opened up for my brother and I, and we've continued working in this business because we love it. We've grown a lot, and now we can focus on assisting other directors make their own films. We really enjoy it. Marvel has also allowed us to have control over 'their characters and that's a dream that I never thought I could achieve as a filmmaker.

No doubt special effects are fundamental in these films, tell me about them ...

The special effects in this film are cutting-edge — they're currently the best in the world. All the best science fiction companies worked on the film and the ambition of the film allowed that. For example, special effects were used to bring Thanos to life in a surpris-

ing way and with an impressive photographic realism.

What's the message this movie wants to send?

The main message is to show what it is to be a hero in such a complicated world, which is not far from reality, and I think that's what "Infinity War" does. It shows reality through fiction. So, it's a very entertaining movie but at the same time very intense because Thanos is a very powerful villain.

How do you create a balance between the comic and the movie?

My brother and I have always been very clear when we work on these films — we're not interested in making comic book adaptations. Comics always have their characters and their events that are consistent for the comic, but not

for the film. We try to be very cautious in the Marvel film world. I think it's very important to take ideas from the comic but not be 100 percent based on it. So, we've always been very honest about it and we only show our interpretation of the story.

If you could be a superhero, who would you be and why?

I would be Spider-Man because ever since childhood he's my favorite character. I love that he can climb walls. It would be very entertaining and very fun to be Spiderman for a day. In fact it would be wonderful.

If you could have a gem, which would it be?

The one of time. It would be great to be able to go back in time and relive all the beautiful moments of your life. "Avengers: Infinity War" is in theaters now.

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'Little Woods' exposes the decay of the American dream

Tessa Thompson and writer/director Nia DaCosta talk us through their modern western.



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"Little Woods" is one of the most-talked-about films to premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival.

This modern Western-cum-small-town drug drama revolves around Tessa Thompson's Ollie returning to illegal drug trafficking across the U.S./Canadian border in order to assist her pregnant young sister. Not only does it feature titanic performances from its leading duo, but it also marks the emergence of writer and director Nia DaCosta, a bright new talent, who with "Little Woods," shows herself to be a visceral and lyrical filmmaker.

Metro spoke with Thompson and DaCosta about the film, and how in the current political environment it's a more topical watch than ever.

Where did the idea come from?

NDC: I wanted to tell a



Lily James and Tessa Thompson
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story about women living in a rural part of America. I wanted to tell a human story about politicized things — health care, women's reproductive rights and how poverty affects women in particular.

The American dream gone sour.

NDC: Our best American genres are the Western and the Southern Gothic. Westerns are about the American ideal and people making bad choices because they have bad options. Southern Gothic is about American decay. I've always been exploring what being American means, what was this dream that was promised us, and I hope this movie is in this vein.

As actresses, do you feel a responsibility to get female voices heard?

TT: I thought this film marked the emergence of a really important voice. She understands film and has ideas that are ambitious, but grounded in integrity and purpose. It's essential and we depend on it culturally right now.

"Little Woods" is screening at the Tribeca Film Festival through Sunday, April 29.

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The digital drugs revolution is coming



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Experts believe smart pills will soon be able not only to track and diagnose patients and even prevent diseases. Metro investigates whether it will really be possible in the near future.

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The revolution in healthcare is already at our doorstep. For the first time in history, the Food and Drug Administration has approved a digital pill. Each piece of that medication, dubbed Abilify MyCite, used to treat psychotic, mood and anxiety disorders, emits an electronic signal when swallowed that can be picked up by a nearby

receiver and transmitted to the designated person, including doctors, nurses or family members. Experts from all over the world have already called the approval a significant advance in the industry that can help people who forget to take their medications without a timely reminder.

However, it remains to be seen what will be the impact of the technology used in Abilify MyCite. Although as many as two-thirds of patients fail to take their medications as prescribed, whether the ability to track their behavior will improve adherence to a treatment regimen is unknown. Many of these people may simply decide not to take their drugs because of side effects or a perception that they are no longer needed — reactions not likely to be changed by a smart drug. And getting a reminder to do what they already decided

"Digital drugs may be key in treating people with infections, to prevent the spread of diseases in the future."

Dolores Malaspina, psychiatrist at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

not to do may just make them angry.

But according to Paul Appelbaum, director of law, ethics and psychiatry in Columbia University's psychiatry department, such smart pills are going to be widely used in the future.

"Smart drugs may turn out to be most useful for conditions in which patients are highly likely to forget to take medications, e.g., early Alzheimer's disease. They may also allow physicians treating other conditions to identify repeated failures to take medications and re-ex-

plain the medications' importance to patients. But their success will depend on patients' willingness to have their medication use monitored — and not everyone may be comfortable with that," he told to Metro.

The medications of the future might not only come with reminders, but become "chatty." Or even gain not only "mouths" but "eyes," "ears" and "noses." We're now witnessing the evolution of a more digitally connected and integrated healthcare system. And according

to experts, medications like MyCite are one of the new innovations that are part of this progress.

"There is tremendous potential. While any new advance brings some unknowns — with careful and ethical research as well as the involvement from patient communities, advances like MyCite have the potential to help people remain healthy and out of the hospital," John Torous, clinical fellow in psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, stated. "It also offers people the potential to receive personalized insights about how the medication works for them, and the chance for more informed decision making between patients and doctors around medications."

He added: "This new type of medication also has broad potential outside of mental health as real time feedback and personalized insights on medications are important for almost any health condition."

Despite all the benefits, such smart drugs could bring new problems and controversies,

ensuring that they aren't used for commercial purposes. That has turned into a major issue with smartphone apps for monitoring medical conditions and may well be a problem with digital drugs.

"Privacy is the central issue. The requirement of needing to take monitored medicines may seem restricting and intrusive, yet adherence to medications for some people is their key to independent living. Without certain treatments, people with memory or organizational deficits might otherwise require hospitalization or assisted living situations," Dolores Malaspina, psychiatrist at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, said. "Issues of control are also important. The balance of individual rights, including to not be medicated if they pose no harm to themselves or to others, is paramount. Psychiatric diagnosis labels have been inappropriately applied to political prisoners in the past."

In any case, experts believe that having new tools that doctors and patients can use to collaborate toward helping find the right medication, stay on it and reduce it when necessary has the potential to improve the outcomes. And it's almost certain that we will soon see many digital pill-based medications for diverse conditions.

"Digital drugs are likely to play a useful but limited role in medical care. But that's okay because every incremental improvement to patient care helps someone," Appelbaum concluded.



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Giants select Saquon Barkley

Big Blue picks up the Penn State rusher and explosive talent with the No. 2 pick.

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The New York Giants have selected Penn State running back Saquon Barkley with the second-overall pick of the 2018 NFL Draft on Thursday night at AT&T Stadium in Dallas.

In what was new general manager Dave Gettleman's first draft with the team, his close-to-the-vest mentality had the Giants holding all the cards of this year's festivities despite the Cleveland Browns owning the No. 1 pick.

On paper, this team doesn't seem too far from competing for the playoffs despite there being plenty of need within their ranks after a disappointing 3-13 season.

However, there was still the possibility of the

Giants trading the pick to a team that was desperate for a quarterback.

Although Barkley turned out to be the pick, New York could have taken a quarterback like USC's Sam Darnold or Wyoming's Josh Allen, who would become Eli Manning's successor. The veteran quarterback will turn 38 in December and has two years remaining on his contract.

But Gettleman has remained adamant that Manning is the team's starter in 2018 and Barkley's availability was just too good to pass up. After all, this is the best overall prospect in this year's draft class.

The Penn State product has the promise of becoming not just an NFL Pro Bowler, but a star whose career could possibly flirt with Canton and the Hall of Fame one day.

A relentless work ethic has helped create a strong, elusive runner who can beat an opposing defense in every way possible. He can run over a would-be tackler or



The New York Giants picked up a big piece for their backfield on Thursday night in Saquon Barkley. GETTY IMAGES

use his supreme agility to deke his way around them. Once he's in the open field, he's gone as his bursts of speed are second to none.

Over the past two years in Happy Valley, Barkley rushed for more than 2,700 yards and added another 1,100 receiving with 43 combined

touchdowns, numbers that the Giants will be hoping can translate to the NFL.

Once known as a franchise whose offense was built on a successful, methodical run game, the Giants now have a run game that has been ranked in the lower half of the league in each of

the last five years, including a 26th-place finish last year.

Barkley gives the Giants a premier back who will take loads of pressure of Manning and a passing game centered around Odell Beckham Jr., Sterling Shepard and second-year tight end Evan Engram.

Jets follow with Darnold at No. 3

After their cross-locker-room rivals picked up Saquon Barkley, the New York Jets followed by picking USC quarterback Sam Darnold with the No. 3 selection of the 2018 NFL Draft at Texas' AT&T Stadium on Thursday night.

This wasn't the Jets' reported first choice. In the weeks leading up to the draft, Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield looked to be Gang Green's favorite at No. 3.

Just days before the selection process began though, the Cleveland Browns swooped in and stole the Oklahoma passer from New York's clutches.

Darnold is quite a nice consolation prize, though.

Entering the 2017 season, Jets fans were imploring the organization to tank in order to get the USC passer and in many other years, Darnold would have been the top prospect entering this year's draft.



With Baker Mayfield off the board, the New York Jets selected USC quarterback Sam Darnold with the third pick of the 2018 NFL Draft. GETTY IMAGES

But the sudden skyrocketing of Mayfield's status allowed Darnold to "drop" into the Jets' laps.

At 6-foot-3, 221 pounds, Darnold has the size needed, and he certainly looks the part while in the pocket. He won't shy away from making the difficult throw as he trusts his arm in tight situations. However, it has caused him to deal with some turnover issues, throw-

ing 13 interceptions last season.

It's just a small blip compared to what Darnold could bring to the Jets as he's already shown an ability to read opposing defenses like a professional. His vision in the pocket is above average, and he's able to go through multiple progressions without a hitch.

But he won't have to immediately step in and start like Geno

Smith and Mark Sanchez had to do in the past. Instead, the Jets made the smart move of bringing veteran passer Josh McCown back on a one-year deal where he is expected to start in front of former Minnesota Vikings quarterback Teddy Bridgewater, who was also signed by the Jets but through the 2018 season only.

While Bridgewater is just 25 years old, there

are plenty of question marks surrounding his future in the league after a horrendous knee injury two years ago.

If Bridgewater is unable to play, Darnold becomes current quarterback Josh McCown's immediate backup. If both quarterbacks thrive, then the Jets have a young passer they can mold into a legitimate star over the next few years. JOE PANTORNO

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OPINION

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When one is asked to think about the best shortstops in baseball, who comes to mind?

Many will immediately mention Carlos Correa of the Houston Astros or Francisco Lindor of the Cleveland Indians, possibly even Corey Seager of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Trea Turner of the Washington Nationals. Heck, even Manny Machado has sprung to the top of the list after moving over from the hot corner this season.

Yet for some reason, New York Yankees shortstop Didi Gregorius is an afterthought, which doesn't make much sense given the abundance of coverage and overall love-

fest the Bronx Bombers get from most corners of Major League Baseball.

Regardless, it's not out of the realm of possibilities to put Gregorius on the same level of the likes of Lindor, Correa and co.

Nothing more than a light-hitting shortstop upon his arrival to the majors in 2012, Gregorius was mediocre with the Arizona Diamondbacks, batting .241 with a combined 13 home runs and 55 RBI in 183 games over two seasons.

Following the 2014 season, he was dealt to the Yankees in a three-team deal that notably sent Robby Ray to the Diamondbacks where he was given the unfair label of becoming Derek Jeter's successor.

That's a title I wouldn't wish upon even my worst enemy.

His first season in the

Bronx was insignificant, which provided Yankees fans with an incredible letdown after 20 years with No. 2 manning shortstop. In 155 games, Gregorius batted .265 with nine home runs and 56 RBI.

Then came the 2016.

While his approach didn't necessarily change at the plate in terms of the mechanics of his swing, Gregorius began driving the ball more in the air, which is a suggestion for all left-handed batters at Yankee Stadium given its short right-field porch.

In 2015, 34.1 percent of batted balls were hit in the air, just six percent of them leaving the park. That number has increased in each of the following seasons until now, where 50 percent of Gregorius' contact in fair play is in the air with

exactly half of them going for home runs.

It has made him a cult hero in the Bronx over the past two years and put him in the discussion as one of the best shortstops in baseball over that span. After hitting a career-high 20 home runs with 70 RBI in 2016, Gregorius set a Yankees franchise record last year by launching 25 home runs, the most by a shortstop in pinstripes.

He's been a flat-out superstar this year, carrying the Yankees offense at times while leading the league with a .372 batting average and 29 RBI. His nine home runs also have him on pace to crush his 2017 career best.

But where does this compare with some of the other elite shortstops in the game? Well, Gregorius is right in the conversation.

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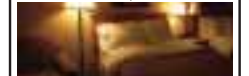
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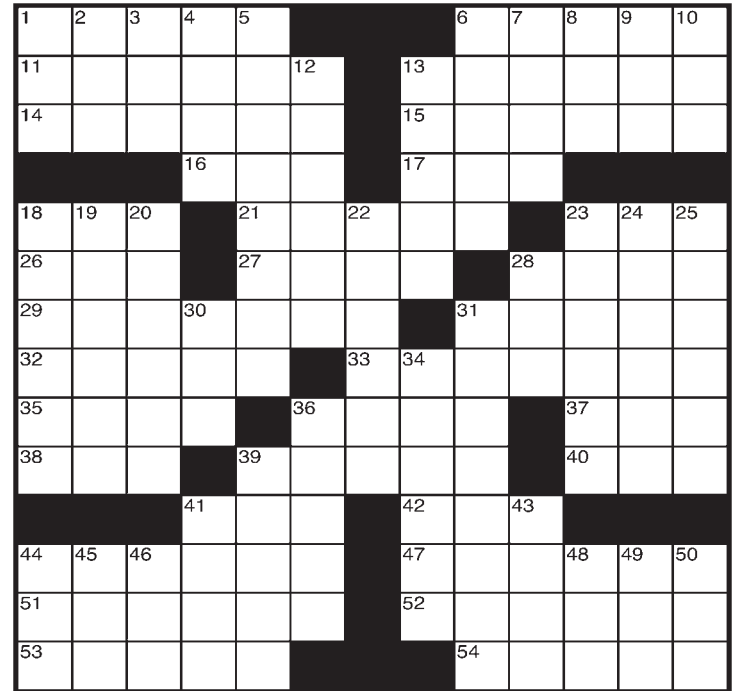
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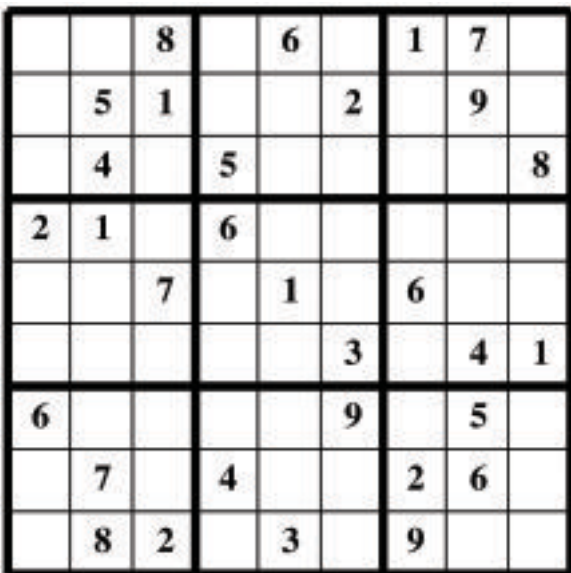
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9 Kung fu expert Bruce --
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19 Monet contemporary
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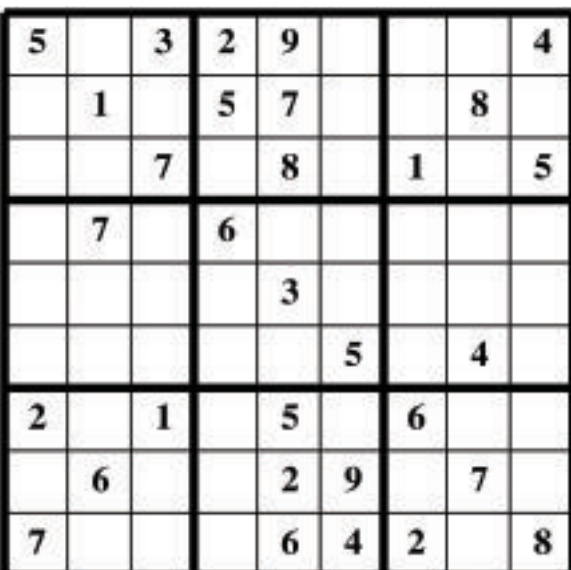


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Aries Don't let anyone restrict you. Use your intelligence to outwit anyone trying to take credit for your work. Fair is fair, and keeping things that way will require diplomacy.



Taurus Be honest about the way you feel and what you want to do. If you give in to someone with questionable motives, you will end up regretting it.



Gemini Socialize, network and share your feelings and intentions. Going out with people you are close to will give you an opportunity to gather support to achieve a personal goal.



Cancer Less talk, more action will be the way to go. Don't get into a scuffle with someone because he or she doesn't want to do things your way.



Leo Express your thoughts to gain approval and pique someone's interest in you. Love is on the rise and romance in the stars. Do your own thing and allow others the same leeway.



Virgo Emotions will surface over matters concerning debt or health. Proceed with caution and don't leave yourself open to theft, disease or foolish financial decisions.



Libra Domestic issues will lead to fraught encounters. Keep the peace by doing your best to get along with everyone. Compromise will be necessary if you want to avoid a tiff.



Scorpio It isn't likely that you will agree with everyone you deal with today. Diplomacy, charm and keeping your opinions hidden for the time being will help you avoid discord.



Sagittarius Don't let the past come back to haunt you. Use your intelligence and keep your distance from people who have caused you grief or tend to argue with you.



Capricorn Sharing your emotions will not help you get ahead. Don't offer insight into what you are planning to do next. Listen and observe, but don't divulge information.



Aquarius Talk contracts, negotiate deals and take care of personal finances and outstanding debts. Knowing where you stand will help you find a solution and ease stress.



Pisces Someone will take advantage of you if you can't say no. Don't let your emotions take control. Use your intellect and make suggestions. **EUGENIA LAST**

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